

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2004 ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on the Board of Trustees 2004 Annual Reports. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services: Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Deputy Administrator; and Jeff Flick, San Francisco Regional Administrator.

MEDICARE DISCOUNT DRUG CARD

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on The Medicare Discount Drug Card. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; Michael McMullan, Deputy Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COUNTERNARCOTICS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Counternarcotics Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Community Language Capabilities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the

30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D264)

S. 2231, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004. Signed on March 31, 2004. (Public Law 108–210)

S. 2241, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004. Signed on March 31, 2004. (Public Law 108–211)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Program; to be followed by a closed session in SR–232A, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing and markup of H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Special Programs Budget, 9 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.